

the CHITIMACHA NEWSLETTER

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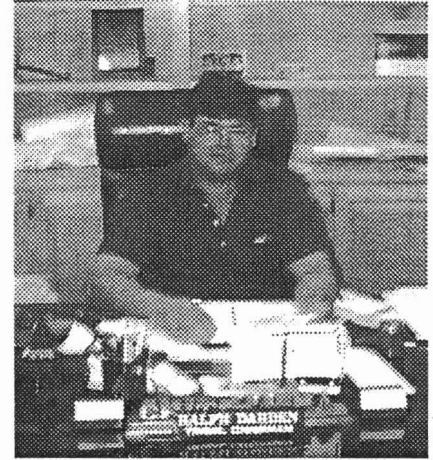
"SOVEREIGN NATION OF THE CHITIMACHA"

NOTES FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Dear Fellow Tribal Members:

The Tribal Council along with directors who are members of the various USET committees attended the fall USET meeting in Myrtle Beach, SC last week. Various agencies addressed the board with problems that tribes will face in the upcoming year. Frank Keel, Acting Director for the BIA spoke about the problems they are facing in the Area Office. Due to federal cut backs, some staff has been reduced and many times when we call, we get a voice recorder. He explained that they no longer have a receptionist to answer the phone and if his secretary is busy doing something elsewhere in the office, she turns the recorder

on to answer the phone. Our calls get returned but it is inconvenient at times. Everything has rather slowed down in that department and he doesn't expect it to get better for some time. Staff members of the congressmen gave a legislative update. In the last congress, several attempts were made to further destroy tribal sovereignty. Those main issues were the 30% tax on tribal gaming revenue and the Istook amendment which says that land cannot be taken into trust for tribes without negotiating a tax compact with the state. We were assured that these issues will come back up in the 105th Congress. An amendment by Senator Chaffee of Rhode Island was attached at the last minute to the Omnibus appropriations bill knowing that Congress would not shut down the government as it did last year. The amendment removed the Narragansett Tribe from the benefits of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. by saying that the settlement lands shall for the purpose of gaming, not be treated as Indian lands. The USET tribes are joining together to try and get this repealed in the next Congress. The Narragansetts were just weeks away from getting their first federal approvals to open a Class II bingo hall. This demonstrates that these sly acts will be repeated to try and destroy tribes.

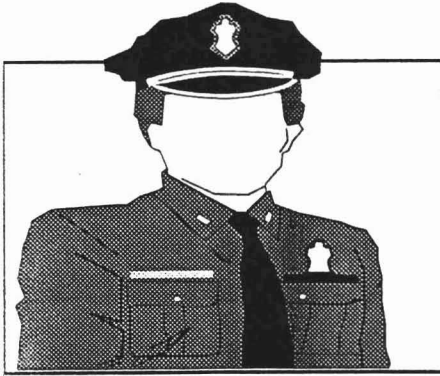


Chairman Ralph C. Darden

Brandywine Senior Care - I received information from Brandywine Senior Care that is located in Exton, Pennsylvania. Brandywine's professionals are experienced in the successful planning, development and management of nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult day care residences and home health care agencies. I have a meeting scheduled on November 14th with officials of the company at one of their facilities. We will discuss the possibility of their company coming to the reservation to assist us with developing a Senior Care Center here. There was an article in the newspaper about two weeks ago that was related to this topic. There are only 13 such facilities on Indian reservations throughout the country and it is a much needed item. Indian People are placed in facilities away from the reservation and they grieve for their cultural ties to their homes. Hopefully we can get this project under way soon and have the 14th facility in the United States.

Until Next Month!!!

"Kop's Korner"



News from the Chitimacha P.D. Frank McCloskey, Police Chief

OCTOBER 1996

For the month of October 1996, two traffic citations were issued for speeding and improper left turn. Eight arrests were logged on charges ranging from driving under suspension, bench warrant from another department for failure to appear, driving while intoxicated, theft, criminal mischief, disturbing the peace intoxicated, and one subject was arrested on charges of disturbing the peace intoxicated, battery on an officer and resisting an officer.

Welcome back to Dispatchers Sara LaBiche and Rosie Bertrand, who returned to duty, after their recovery from gall bladder surgery. Glad to have you back as part of the team!

On Friday, October 25, Officer Edmond Picard lost his home due to a fire. Our thoughts, prayers and many offers of help to him and his wife Janice, as they pick up the pieces and make plans to rebuild.

On Wednesday, October 23, Officer

Clayton Arnold led the way, with lights and sirens, for the children from the Chitimacha Day School who walked through the reservation in support of red ribbon week. The children carried banners and signs to show that they are against drug use and to encourage everyone to join the fight to keep their community drug free. A job well done to all the children and teachers who planned and took part in the event!

On Thursday, October 31, Officers Mike Pontiff and Ellen Hebert spoke to the children at the Chitimacha Day School about Halloween safety. They made sure that the children understood that Halloween was meant to be a fun holiday, but in order to keep it fun, for both kids and parents alike, there are safety guidelines that all trick or treaters should follow. The children received police department trick or treat bags, filled with goodies, and glow sticks to light the way for all the ghosts and goblins!

SLOW DOWN! DRIVE CAREFULLY!
We would like to remind everyone that with the cane harvest season upon us, the roads and highways become a little more congested with tractors and slow moving vehicles. This is the time of year that we especially need to slow down and drive with more caution, as road conditions become more favorable to vehicle accidents. Slow down, drive cautiously and don't take unnecessary risks!

DON'T TAKE THE BAIT!
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When phone calls and postcards are bringing you marvelous offers to

buy...Vitamins...Low-cost vacations...Magazine subscriptions...Office supplies or promotional items...Club memberships...Sure-fire investments...Do they say..."You've just won a contest, and if you pay 'shipping and handling' or a 'small gift tax,' it's all yours?"

Do they want...Your credit card number?

If so, you may be a victim of a BOILER ROOM FRAUD.

DIRECT MARKETING VS BOILER ROOM FRAUD

Direct Marketing is the sale of goods and services by direct contact with the consumer by telephone or mail.

Boiler Room Fraud is the use of the phone or the mail by unethical companies who only want to take your money. It is a growing problem for both individuals and businesses. It costs consumers nearly a billion dollars a year. The best way to protect yourself is to learn to recognize the warning signs.

WHO ARE THE BOILER ROOM COMPANIES?

Most calls come from firms located out-of-state. The firms work out of large rooms with rows of phones staffed by solicitors trained to repeat a deceptive sales pitch.

Sometimes these firms send you an enticing or official-looking letter or postcard on the mail urging you to call them.

Sometimes 900 numbers are used so you'll be billed just for calling them, even if you decide not to purchase anything.

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WHAT DO THE SALES PEOPLE SAY?

Here are some common phrases:

- "You've been specially selected to hear this offer."
- "You'll get a wonderful free bonus if you buy our product."
- "You've won a valuable free prize."
- "This investment is low-risk and provides a higher return than you can get anywhere else."
- "You have to make up your mind right away."
- "You can just put the shipping and handling charge on your credit card."

The callers use well-rehearsed sales pitches designed to sound believable. You may be transferred from person to person, so it sounds like a genuine business setting. A "vice-president" may even call you back to try to convince you to buy. Beware of high pressure pitches that require decisions **right now!** Legitimate firms will always give you time to think it over.

WHAT IF YOU FALL FOR THE BOILER ROOM SALES PITCH?

If you are the victim of a Boiler Room Fraud, you may later find:

- The merchandise you bought is overpriced and poor quality.
- The "free gift" never arrives, or it's worth just a fraction of the "shipping and handling" or "gift tax" you paid.
- The investment turns out to be non-existent, or a loser.
- The donation you thought was going to charity goes into the fundraiser's pocket.
- Unauthorized charges start appearing on your credit card

bills.

- 900 number telephone charges are much higher than you expected.

HOW CAN YOU PROTECT YOURSELF?

- Take your time.
- Don't buy something merely because you'll get a "free gift."
- Get all information in writing before you agree to buy.
- Check out the caller's record with the Attorney General's Office and the Better Business Bureau.
- Don't give your credit card number or checking account number to anyone who calls on the phone or sends you a postcard.
- Check out a charity before you give. Ask a charity how much of your donation actually goes to the charity.
- Be extremely cautious about investing with an unknown caller who insists you must make up your mind immediately.
- If the investment is a security, check with state officials to see if it is properly registered. If large amounts of money are involved, check with your legal or financial advisor.
- Don't send money by messenger or overnight mail. If you use money rather than a credit card in the transaction, you may lose your right to dispute fraudulent charges.
- Hang up instead of being pressured to buy.
- If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- Make sure you know the per

minute charge for any 900 number call you make.

ASK YOURSELF THESE QUESTIONS:

- Do I have adequate TIME TO THINK THIS OVER, or am I being pressured for a decision right now?
- Will they send me ADDITIONAL INFORMATION through the mail, putting their statements and promises in writing, or do they refuse?
- Are they insisting on my CREDIT CARD OR CHECKING ACCOUNT NUMBER right now?
- Do they want to SEND OVER A PRIVATE COURIER tonight for my check?
- Is my "free gift" or "prize" really free, or DO I HAVE TO PAY A REGISTRATION FEE OR SHIPPING AND HANDLING CHARGE before receiving anything?

IF THE ANSWER TO ANY ONE OF THESE QUESTIONS IS YES....**BEWARE!** TAKE TIME TO CONSIDER THE OFFER, GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND ADVICE, AND RESIST THE "TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT" HIGH PRESSURE TACTICS SO OFTEN USED BY BOILER ROOM PITCHES.

WE WISH EVERYONE A
HAPPY AND SAFE
THANKSGIVING!

Tribal Court News

By: Holly A. Robicheaux, Tribal Courts Director

COURT STATISTICS:

As of October 23, 1996 there were a total of 14 cases filed for the month of October; 10 Civil Actions (6 Garnishments and 4 Regular Civil) 2 Domestic Relations (1 Petition For Disbursement of Funds and 1 Petition For Divorce) and 2 Traffic.

Additionally, 30 Assignments were recorded in the Tribal Court for the month of October as of the 23rd.

CASES PENDING AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1996:

Tribal Court:

- 14 - Civil (All of which are Tort Actions)
- 01 - Domestic Relations
- 02 - Juvenile

Tribal Appellate Court:

- 1 - Civil Tort Action

YEAR TO DATE TOTAL - MORTGAGE AND LIEN RECORDS:

- 180 Assignments
- 03 Mortgages
- 01 Correction

COURT SESSIONS:

Our monthly Tribal Court session was held on October 2, 1996, at which time 15 cases were scheduled to be heard; 1 Criminal (Arraignment); 8 Regular Civil Complaints (Initial Hearings and Trials); 6 Civil Tort Actions (3 Preliminary Hearings, 1 Rule To Show Cause, 1 Pre-Trial Conference and 1 Motions Hearing).

There was also a special session conducted on October 9, 1996, at which time two (2) Civil Tort Actions were scheduled to be heard, with one a Trial on the Merits and the other a Hearing on Motion For Summary Judgment.

Our next regularly scheduled Tribal Court Session is November 6, 1996 with open session beginning at 10:00 a.m.

TRIBAL COURT OF APPEALS:

The Tribal Appellate Court has oral arguments scheduled in one (1) Civil Tort Appeal for Tuesday, November 12, 1996 @ 10:00 a.m.

As always, if you would like any further information regarding the Tribal Court, please feel free to contact the Court at 923-7806.

Recreation Department News

By: Jeri St. Blanc, Recreation Coordinator

Fall Baseball has ended in a successful season. Our players had a great time and polished up their skills at the same time. We'll be ready to take off where we left off in the spring.

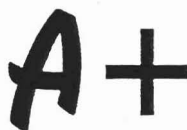
Our soccer teams have definitely made a mark in the Franklin Soccer League. They have improved in leaps and bounds. The Under 8 team stands at 3 wins and one heart-breaking loss of 1 - 0. The Under 11 team is currently undefeated and is the target of the Franklin teams. They're quick, agile and play well together. That says a lot about our kids. The Under 14 team is competing at the top level against kids whom have been playing. They stand at 2 ties and 2 hard-fought losses. Our teams play hard from the beginning to the end. They play with heart and good sportsmanship. Their dedication and pride in themselves will always make them winners, no matter the score.

Our cross-country runners are still in training. They have been hitting the roads running hard to get ready for the E.S.A. race coming up soon. It was postponed due to bad weather but will be rescheduled at a later date. Our recreation department will be sponsoring a cross-country race here in the next few weeks. You'll get an up-close view of our future star runners.

A big thank-you goes to the Cypress Bayou Casino for sponsoring two U.S.L. Football trips for our youth. The 8th grade class along with Mr. Leroy Burgess was treated to the Houston-U.S.L. game. We had a great time and cheered straight through the rain. On October 26th the seventh grade was invited to the Memphis-U.S.L. game. We had fun and even managed to stay dry.

The Fitness Center is in operation from 5:30 - 6:45 a.m. Monday thru Thursday. A faithful crew can be seen at this time pumping iron, stepping out, and hitting the treadmills and bikes. Keep up the great work. You're looking good!

The Fitness Center is also open from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Come in and get started on an exercise program today. The hours will soon be expanded to meet the needs of everyone.



Honor Roll - 1st Nine Weeks

* Kindergarten and 1st. grade students do the Work Sampling System and do not get grades. Students in both classes are doing wonderfully.

Second Grade

Adriana Bernard
Shannon Cook
Blaise Darden
Matthew Darden
Kaston Fluke
Kristi Fontenot

Third Grade

Erin Compton
Arielle Darden
Megan Persilyer
Richard Picard
Kane Thomas

Fourth Grade

Slade Bobbitt
Ben Darden
Brandon Darden
Jake Darden
Jase Darden
Lacey Fontenot
Zayne Johnson

Fifth Grade

Grant LaGarde

Sixth Grade

Tasia Bernard
Morgan Martin
Bryan Sisk

Seventh Grade

Joshua Vilcan

Eighth Grade

Amy Darden
Jarrod Deslatte

Congratulations to all of you students and please keep up the good work!!!

Chitimacha Library Club

The Chitimacha Library Club had its first meeting on October 28, 1996. During the meeting, the following officers were elected: Amy Darden, President; Joshua Vilcan, Vice-President; Christina Dwyer, Secretary; Toni Darden, Treasurer; and Morgan Martin, Reporter.

During the meeting, shelves were selected to be maintained by the members. Plans were discussed for future meetings which will be held the first and

third Mondays of each month at 3:10 in the library. Book reviews will be given at each of the meetings, as one of the goals of the Library Club is to promote reading. Christina Dwyer volunteered to give the first book review, which will be *BLUBBER* by Judy Bloom. Future plans include book fairs, story-telling, guest authors and activities in the state association (Louisiana Teenage Librarians Association).

The Library Club will be sponsoring its first book fair during the week of November 18-22, 1996. Students and parents

are invited to participate; proceeds from the fair will help pay convention expenses to Baton Rouge for those members attending in the spring.

Children's Book Week will also be recognized nationally during the week of November 18-22, 1996, which coordinates with our book fair. Help us to celebrate this occasion by buying a book for the child in your family!

Respectfully Submitted,
Morgan Martin, Reporter
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Chitimacha Indian Health Fair 1996

Just a reminder that the media center is offering introductory computer classes to extended family members of the Chitimacha Tribe each Wednesday beginning at 5:30. The current series of classes ends Wednesday, November 6, but a new series begins on Wednesday, November 20. The classes introduce participants to WINDOWS '95, provide an opportunity to browse the internet, and to use the various programs available in the Media Center, such as *Microsoft Word*. The next series will end on December 18, 1996.

CARNIVAL

The recent school Halloween Carnival was a huge success thanks to the many volunteers who contributed their time and talents! The school would especially like to thank the men from maintenance for building our booths, the ladies who baked the cakes for the cake walk, and the many who entered the pumpkin decorating and costume contests, as well as the parents who brought their children to enjoy our carnival. Of course, we thank the entire staff of the Chitimacha Tribal School for their support in which without it, the carnival would not be possible. Again **THANKS!**

November 26, 1996

Tuesday

1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Chitimacha School Gym

Door Prizes!



Tribal Members & Guest
Thanksgiving Feast Following Health Fair
6:30 p.m.
Chitimacha School Gym

Important Dates to Remember!!!

Nov. 26th - Thanksgiving Feast 6:30 p.m.
(10 games of Bingo, \$100/game - 1 Blackout, Prize to be announced)

December 14th - General Meeting - 2:00 p.m.
The purpose of the meeting is to go over the planned expansion of the Casino
and present the concept of the "Master Plan" Development

December 15th - Santa Day - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., and 3 p.m. - 8 p.m.
This is Children's Day sponsored by the Casino.
All of the above functions are to be held at the Tribal School Gym.

CHITIMACHA SENIOR PROGRAM CALENDAR
DAILY MENU SCHEDULE
NOVEMBER 1996

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				November 1 Turkey Salad, Ham Sandwiches, Chips and Brownies.
November 4 Chili, Crackers, Veggies, Orange Surprise	November 5 Pork Chops, White Beans, Rice, Salad and Pie	November 6 8:00 a.m. Breakfast Smothered Chicken Corn, Rice, Salad and Jello	November 7 Baked Ham, Red Beans, Rice, Potato Patties, Salad and Pie	November 8 Fried Catfish, Salmon Patties, Fries, Salad and Cup Cakes
BINGO	BINGO	BINGO		
November 11 Closed Veterans Day	November 12 Bar-B-Q, Rice Dressing, Potato Salad and Pork n Beans	November 13 8:00 a.m. Breakfast Green Beans, Rice, Smothered Steak, Salad and Cracker Pudding	November 14 Turkey, Rice Dressing, Sweet Potatoes, Veggies and Pie	November 15 Ham Po-Boys, Fries and Fruit
BINGO	BINGO	BINGO		
November 18 Vegetable Soup, Crackers, Potato Patties and Banana Pudding	November 19 Chicken Stew, Rice, Corn, Salad and Ice Cream	November 20 8:00 a.m. Breakfast Pork Roast, Lima Beans, Rice, Beets and Pie	November 21 Beef Stew, Rice, Salad and Fruit	November 22 Shrimp File' Gumbo, Rice, Potato Salad and Jello
BINGO	BINGO	BINGO		
November 25 Corn Soup, Sandwiches, Chips and Pie	November 26 Meatloaf, Creamed Potatoes, Sweet Peas, Salad and Fruit	November 27 8:00 a.m. Breakfast Baked Brisket, Rice Dressing, Candied Yams, Carrots, Peas and Pie	November 28	November 29
BINGO	BINGO	BINGO		

Happy Birthday Heloise Lange 11/2/96

Enrollment Office Notice
By: Ardith Soprano, Enrollment Officer

Dear Tribal Members:

The Enrollment Office is the Information Center of the Chitimacha Tribe. It is vital that our records be accurate and that they be updated whenever an address change, name change, a birth or death occurs. For this reason, I am requesting that you contact this office when you have a:

- 1). **BIRTH:** Please notify this office upon the birth of your child. An enrollment application packet will be issued to you. Once your child has been enrolled, necessary information will be forwarded to the appropriate Tribal departments.
- 2). **DEATH:** Upon the death of a member of your family, please supply this office with a copy of the death certificate. This information will be forwarded to the appropriate departments.
- 3). **MARRIAGE:** In order for this office to change your official Tribal records, you must supply a copy of your marriage license.
- 4). **ADDRESS CHANGE:** Because this office is the Information Center for the Tribe, all address changes are to be supplied to this office. Please supply the new address, a list of names of all Tribal Members who can be reached at this address, as well as the new Phone number if applicable. This information will then be forwarded to all departments as needed.

With your cooperation, this office will be better able to maintain accurate and up-to-date Enrollment records. Also, the process of sharing information between the various departments will be less cumbersome.

Address all changes to:

Chitimacha Enrollment Office
P.O. Box 661
Charenton, LA 70523
Phone: (318) 923-7000

If you have experienced the loss of a loved one in the past year, please contact this office if you have yet to provide a copy of the Death Certificate. This document is required before the Official Enrollment records can be corrected. You may send a copy of the death certificate to the above address.

Student Aid Program Update: 11/1/96

SPRING APPLICATIONS: Due to the revision of the Program Guidelines, the Spring applications have been delayed. As of today (11-1-96), the new application forms are being prepared for distribution. These forms will be forwarded to our program participants as soon as possible. Because of the delay, the December application deadline has been extended to December 10, 1996.

The Committee will meet on or about December 13th to make awards determinations. All applicants are urged to **READ** all information contained in their application packets because there have been changes made to the forms. **REMEMBER:** Do not leave any blanks when completing your application forms.

The records of each applicant will be screened to determine if the required documentation has been submitted. Any applicant wishing to be considered for funding **MUST** have provided the following to close-out their previous semester records:

1. class schedule for previous semester
2. tuition receipt
3. SAR (or have contact this office concerning Federal Aid).
4. Receipts for books & supplies if requested.

If you have any problems with completing the new forms, please feel free to call.

NEW GUIDELINES: The long awaited revised Guidelines is almost complete. It has been a long hard process to get these guidelines revised. As of now, the Committee has given its final approval. The next step is to get approval by the Tribal Council. Once the new Guidelines have been adopted by the Tribal Council, copies will be distributed to all current program participants. Others will receive a copy upon applying to the program.

COMMUNITY PAY-BACK: During the month of November, the Annual Fall Feast and the Annual Health Fair will be held. Any student wishing to participate in these activities needs to contact this office.

Also, I have had a request by the Insurance Department for help during the Christmas break. They are in need of students who are computer literate. If your schedule permits and you are computer literate, please contact me to schedule your hours.

Cultural News

By: Melanie Marcotte

On October 12, 1996 Miss Chitimacha Nation Nikina Vilcan and Miss Junior Chitimacha Nation Nicole Clements traveled to Elton, Louisiana to participate in the Coushatta Pow-Wow. The girls were invited to be a part of the Grand Entry and participate in dancing throughout the day. Many other Tribes from throughout the United States were a part of this Pow-Wow. The girls enjoyed themselves and once again represented the Chitimacha Nation proudly.

The 1997 Miss Chitimacha Nation Pageant Committee met for the first time with its new Committee members on October 17th at 5:30 p.m. Members are as follows: Shirleen Fitzgerald, Tara Ducote, Tricia Mora-Lancon, Kim Soprano-Walden, Josie Hurst, Georgia Magee, Bonnie Bonin, Melissa Darden, Carolyn Savage, Janet Martin, Vickie Martin, Jodie Bacque and Dawn Schexnayder. Welcome to the new members.

For this year's pageant we would like to start a tradition of having the beaded crowns for the winners made by a Chitimacha beadworker. Any one interested in this can call the Cultural Department for more information and/or look for flyers which will be posted.

The committee is also looking for sewing volunteers. Any one who would like to help the girls in this years upcoming Pageant by helping to sew their traditional outfits can contact the Cultural Department. We will take your name and inform the committee.

This year's pageant is scheduled for **Saturday June 14, 1997**, immediately following the General Meeting which will be held in the Chitimacha Tribal School Gym. Look for the flyer which is in this newsletter which will give more detailed information pertaining to the Pageant. All girls between the ages of 14-16 years who are interested in entering the Miss Junior Chitimacha Nation category and girls between the ages of 17-21 years for the Miss Chitimacha Nation category can contact the Cultural Department.

NEWS FROM THE PAST

Jean Francois Buisson de St. Cosme (St. Cosme) was a missionary from the Seminary at Quebec. He was baptized at Quebec on February 6, 1667, therefore putting him born probably on or a few days before that date. In 1698 he was a missionary among the Illinois, then he went to the Natchez where he worked among them for six years. While there, St. Cosme fathered a son who was named St. Cosme. The mother of the child was of the Sun Rank of the Natchez, which was of Chief lineage. St. Cosme was traveling in 1706 with three Frenchmen and a Natchez slave boy, who St. Cosme owned, to New Orleans to visit with St. Denis at his post. While M. de St. Cosme was on his way downstream, he stopped and camped on the bank of the Mississippi to pass the night, and a party of eight Chitimacha came across the traveling party. The Chitimacha had been attacked in 1702 by St. Denis's unauthorized expedition which resulted in the capturing of several Chitimacha women and children whom St. Denis sold into slavery. This started much unrest among the Chitimacha and fueled hostility towards the French. There are two different accounts of what happened next. One is from the diary of M. le Page du Pratz who states that "Before my arrival in Louisiana, we happened to be at war with the nation of the Chitimachas; owing to one of that people, who being gone to dwell in a bye-place on the banks of the Mississippi, had assassinated M. de St. Come, a Missionary of that colony; who, in going down the river, imagined he might in safety retire into this man's hut for a night." The other account is from Fleur De Lys and Calumet written by historian Pennicaut who started his journals in the year 1670. "While M. de St. Cosme was on his way downstream and camped on the bank of the Mississippi to pass the night, a party of eight savages of the Chitimacha nation came across M. de St. Cosme, the priest, sleeping on the bank of the

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Mississippi with the three Frenchmen and one little slave who were with him. The Chitimachas murdered them all with the exception of the little slave, who escaped and brought the news to St. Denis." St. Cosme died from being struck six times with arrows.

St. Denis reported this to Bienville, who ordered St. Denis to gather a war party of tribes allied with the French to attack the Chitimacha and to bring back the man responsible for the death of St. Cosme. The Houma, Chaouachas and the Bayougoula gathered together with St. Denis to attack a Chitimacha village at the River of the Chitimacha (Bayou LaFourche). Hiding in the dark, they waited until daybreak of the following day and attacked the village. As the Chitimacha tried to flee, the French and their Indian allies fired into them, killing fifteen and taking forty prisoners, as many men as women and children. Several of the wounded Chitimacha escaped. The French tied the Chitimachas hands behind their backs and made them move off ahead of their captors. Among the Chitimacha prisoners was one of the men who had been in the party that had killed St. Cosme. Irons were put on his hands and feet. All the prisoners were took to Bienville who was in Mobile. Bienville had the warrior responsible for the death of St. Cosme bound to a wooden horse and his head was broken with blows by a stick (other historical accounts say he was tomahawked). His scalp was then taken by Bienville and then his body was then thrown into the water. Bienville then had it declared among all Indian nations friendly to the French that they should make war on the Chitimacha and that he would give them ten crowns (roughly six dollars) for the scalp of each enemy slain or for each enemy brought back alive. Thus started the French/Chitimacha war which lasted 12 years.

Next month: The French/Chitimacha War

Human Services Department

By: Lois Rider, Director

October 1996

I would like to thank all who participated in the Red Ribbon activities during October. The red ribbon has been made the symbol for drug abuse awareness. There were activities all month but especially the third week when every day something special occurred.

There is a direct correlation between alcohol/substance abuse and child abuse. We have to protect our children at all cost. They are our future. Many people use the excuse of being abused as a child to justify abusing their own children. If you or someone you know has a problem with substance abuse or is abusing their own or someone else's children, please let this department know or try to get them to contact us.

If you know someone who attended the Leadership Training at Camp Mary Hill last summer who did not receive their T-shirt, have them come by the office and pick one up.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Face it! Nobody owes you a living. What you achieve or fail to achieve in your lifetime is directly related to what you do.

No one chooses his parents or childhood, but you can choose your own direction. Everyone has problems and obstacles to overcome, but that is relative to each individual.

Nothing is carved in stone, you can change anything in your life if you want to badly enough.

Excuses are for losers!

Those who take responsibility for their actions are the real winners in life.

Winners meet life's challenges head on, knowing there are no guarantees, and give it all they've got. And never think it's too late or too early to begin. Time plays no favorites and will pass whether you act or not.

Take control of your life. Dare to dream and take risks.

Compete!

If your aren't willing to work for your goals, don't expect others to.

Believe in yourself.

CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL
DAILY MENU SCHEDULE
NOVEMBER 1996

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
November 4, 1996 Breakfast Grits, Boiled Egg, Juice & Milk Lunch Red Beans w/Rice, Sausage, Salad, Fruit, Roll & Milk	November 5, 1996 Breakfast English Muffin, Canadian Bacon, Juice & Milk Lunch Chili Fritos, Salad, Corn, Fruit & Milk	November 6, 1996 Breakfast Cereal, Toast, Juice & Milk Lunch Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Peas, Fruit, Cookie & Milk	November 7, 1996 Breakfast Breakfast Pizza, Juice & Milk Lunch Sloppy Joe on Bun, Lettuce/Tomato, Fruit, Cake & Milk	November 8, 1996 Breakfast Biscuit, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Chicken Casserole, Salad, Fruit, Roll & Milk
November 11, 1996 Breakfast French Toast, Juice & Milk Lunch Tacos, Lettuce/Tomato, Corn, Pears, Fruit & Milk	November 12, 1996 Breakfast Pancakes, Juice & Milk Lunch Round Steak w/Rice, Lima Beans, Fruit, Roll & Milk	November 13, 1996 Breakfast Cereal, Hashbrowns, Juice & Milk Lunch Hamburgers w/Bun, Lettuce/Tomato, French Fries, Fruit & Milk	November 14, 1996 Breakfast Danish, Ham, Juice & Milk Lunch Shrimp Creole w/Rice, Salad, Fruit, Roll & Milk	November 15, 1996 Breakfast Biscuit, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Ham or Turkey Po-Boy Lettuce/Tomato, Fruit, Cookie & Milk
November 18, 1996 Breakfast Oatmeal, Toast, Juice & Milk Lunch Chicken Tenders, Potato w/Cheese, Salad, Fruit Roll & Milk	November 19, 1996 Breakfast Ham and Cheese Buddies, Juice & Milk Lunch Pizza, Salad, Fruit Cookie & Milk	November 20, 1996 Breakfast Cereal, Toaststicks, Juice & Milk Lunch Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Peas, Carrots, Fruit, Roll & Milk	November 21, 1996 Breakfast Doughnut, Ham, Juice & Milk Lunch Baked Turkey, Rice Dressing, Yams, Fruit, Roll & Milk	November 22, 1996 Breakfast Biscuit, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Turkey or Tuna Salad, Lettuce, Fruit, Chips & Milk
November 25, 1996 Breakfast Pancakes, Sausage Links, Juice & Milk Lunch Chili w/Crackers, Salad, Fruit, Beans-on- the-side & Milk	November 26, 1996 Breakfast Bagel Canadian Bacon, Juice & Milk Lunch Chicken-Sausage Gumbo w/Rice, Potato Salad, Fruit & Milk	November 27, 1996 Breakfast Fried Bread, Bologna, Juice & Milk Lunch Ham or Turkey Po- Boy, Lettuce/Tomato, Fruit Cake & Milk	November 28, 1996 Thanksgiving Holidays	November 29, 1996 Thanksgiving Holidays

**Have a Happy & Safe
Thanksgiving Holiday!!!**





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JTPA Field Service Representative - JOB VACANCY

Inter-Tribal Council of LA, Inc. is now accepting applications for a JTPA Field Service Representative at the Chitimacha Reservation. Closing date for resumes is 11/15/96. Requirements include: Supervisory and clerical skills, must be able to travel surrounding area finding worksites (valid drivers license and insurance a must).

Send resume to:
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Would the individuals with the all-terrain vehicles
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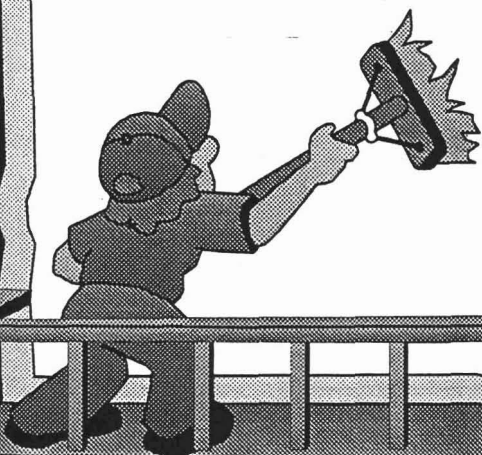
Thank you,
Ester Vilcan

Important Dates to Remember!!!

Nov. 26th- Chitimacha Indian Health Fair &
Thanksgiving Feast

Dec. 14th - General Meeting

Dec. 15th - Santa Day



Notice! During the week of December 9th thru the
13th, the CHR's will be on travel. The Health
Department is asking that clients who need
transportation not schedule appointments
during this time. Thank You.

Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana
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